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SUBJ: WEST BANK MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

REF: JERUSALEM 90, TEL AVIV 640

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED FROM WEST BANK ATTORNEY COPY OF ARABIC VERSION OF PORTION OF JORDANIAN LAW OF MUNICIPALITIES OF 1955 PERTAINING TO CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS. OUR TRANSLATION OF PARA 3 OF SECTION 12 READS SUBSTANTIALLY AS SET FORTH TEL AVIV 640.

2. OUR INFORMANT EXPLAINED THAT CONFUSION OVER "MULTIPLE" VOTING STEMS FROM DIFFERENCES IN INTERPRETATION THAT CAN BE GIVEN TO LATTER PART OF THIS PROVISION. HE BELIEVES PRIMARY INTENT OF PROVISION WAS TO COVER APARTMENT HOUSES, WHERE NUMBER OF TENANTS INDIRECTLY PAID TAX, THROUGH INCLUSION IN RENT, BUT ONLY OWNER WAS LISTED AS TAXPAYER. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN UNDER JORDANIAN RULE PROVISION WAS ALSO INTERPRETED TO ALLOW OTHERWISE QUALIFIED VOTERS WHO WERE MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD OF TAXPAYER TO VOTE, ASSUMING TAX PAID WAS SUFFICIENT. FOR EXAMPLE, IF HOME-OWNER PAID AT LEAST THREE DINARS TAX AND HAD TWO SONS RESIDING WITH HIM WHO WERE AT LEAST 21, SONS

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WERE QUALIFIED TO VOTE AS WELL AS FATHRER.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMANT, PROVISION WAS NOT UNIFORMLY APPLIED IN REGARD TO EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESS. HE KNEW OF AT LEAST ONE CASE IN RAMALLAH, HOWEVER, IN WHICH EMPLOYEES OF LARGE BUSINESS HAD BEEN PERMITTED TO VOTE ON BASIS OF BUSINESS TAX PAID BY OWNER. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT ISRAELI INTENTIONS WERE IN THIS REGARD BUT SEEMED TO FEEL THERE WAS SOME DOUBT THAT THIS WAS A PROPER INTERPRETATION OF LAW.

4. COMMENT. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ISRALIS HAVE IN FACT AMENDED LAW IN ONLY ONE RESPECT, DELETING REQUIREMENT THAT A VOTER BE MALE. CONFUSION OVER OTHER ALLEGED CHANGE APPEARS TO HAVE ARISEN FROM DIFFERING REPORTS OF HOW MILITARY GOVT WILL INTERPRET AND APPLY ABOVE-CITED PROVISION. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE THERE HAS SO FAR BEEN NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM ISRAELIS CONCERNING THIS POINT. NEWLIN

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